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Title : ENCAPSULATION OF SENSITIVE LIQUID COMPONENTS  
INTO A MATRIX TO OBTAIN DISCRETE SHELF-STABLE  
PARTICLES

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